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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation as filed on June 24, 2004 (excluding any references). On page 6 of the Office Action of March 14, 2006, it is stated that JP 5-177737 was considered by the Examiner and that if such reference is to be listed on any patent to be issued, that a form PTO-1449 should be submitted. It is Applicants' belief that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 24, 2004 included the form PTO-1449 and it is unclear why it is not available to the Examiner. In any event, on December 18, 2006, Applicants' attorney spoke with the Examiner and the Examiner suggested that the Form PTO-1449 be submitted with a Submission Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. Accordingly, the present submission includes the PTO-1449 form that is believed to have been submitted before and

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Applicants respectfully request that the PTO-1449 form be initialed by the Examiner.

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